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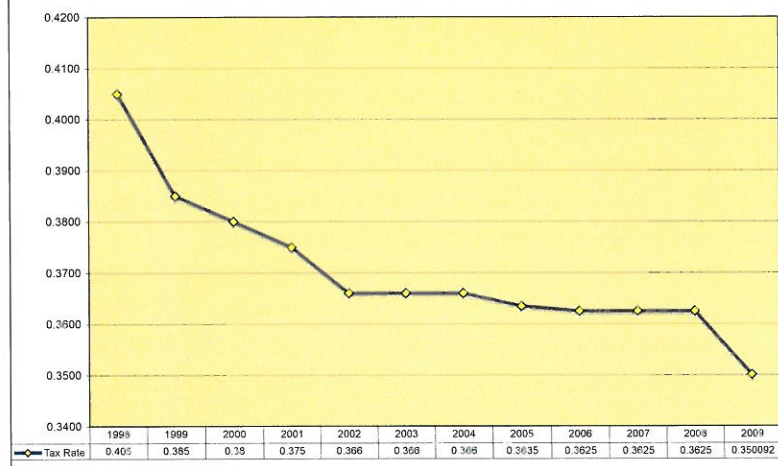
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Economic Development – How it Affects Your Tax Rate

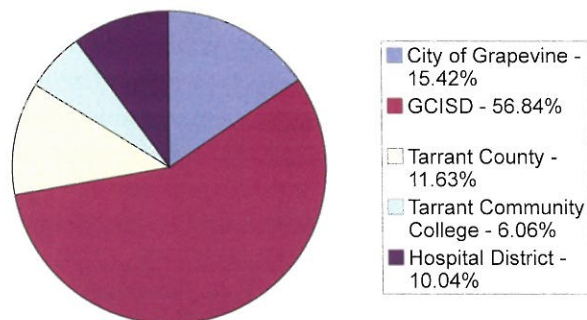
It's budget season again and soon the City Council will be hard at work reviewing the City Manager's proposed operating budget. The city budget is broken up into several operating "funds", the largest by far being the General Fund. The General Fund receives revenue from sales tax, property taxes (ad valorem tax) and fees. Water and Wastewater, Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Crime Control

Adopted Ad Valorem Tax Rates

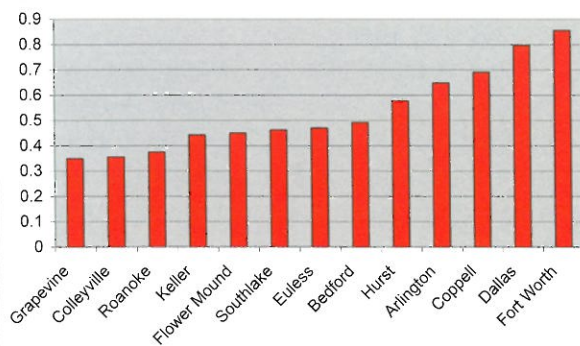


Tarrant County Property Taxes in Grapevine

Tax Rate - Percent of Total



2010 Tax Rate by City



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and Prevention District are, respectively, the next largest funds.

For a City our size, we are heavily reliant on sales tax, making economic development critical. The City Council has been especially cognizant of this fact when developing plans for the City, careful to attract businesses that would generate sales tax, as well as provide amenities to residents. Grapevine Mills Mall, Bass Pro Shop, and the Gaylord Texan are all

prime examples of this development strategy. This strategy has had the additional benefit of allowing Grapevine to keep property tax rates very low, and in fact, not raising property taxes since 1971. The chart to the left shows the sales tax rate from 1998 to the present. Also above is a graph showing the percentage of the total property tax rate that is attributed to each taxing entity and a comparison of our tax rate with other neighboring communities.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

"What's In a Name? – Grapevine"

Ever wonder, "How did Grapevine get its name?" Well, we have the answer. In 1854 several leading citizens met to lay out the city and establish a post office and decide on a permanent name for the town they called home. These prominent citizens suggested such names as: Cross Timbers and Grapevine Springs, as well as, Leonardville, Suggsville, and Dunnville which were names associated with a few of the earliest settlers in the area now known as Grapevine. Because there were so many suggestions and the settlers were deadlocked on what name to give their town, they turned to Judge James Tracy Morehead for his opinion. He was a highly respected local citizen and the second judge in Tarrant County. He thought "Grape Vine" would be a suitable name considering the town was located on the edge of the Grape Vine Prairie which had taken its name from the infamous Grape Vine Springs. This made perfect sense to the citizens as no other name would be more appropriate and it was voted on unanimously.

Grape Vine Springs was an early and well known watering and meeting place where a large Mustang grapevine grew over a huge oak tree near the springs. Indian tribes met and held councils there long before settlers arrived in this area. A treaty was signed at Grape Vine Springs between the Republic of Texas and more than seven other tribes of Indians on October 9, 1844.

The first post office for "Grape Vine" was established in August 1958. Although the name on the official post office records indicated it as two words from its inception, it was converted to "Grapevine" on the post office records on January 12, 1914.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Approved

The City Council approved an update of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan at the May 17, 2011 Council meeting. Public input in the update of the plan included 700 citizen surveys, seven focus group meetings with approximately 20 citizens in each focus group, and two public meetings. The Master Plan was prepared by Pros Consulting.

Recommended signature projects include:

- Expansion of the Community Activities Center
- Expansion of the Senior Activities Center
- Development of a Special Events Park
- Improving community connectivity with trails and on-road bike routes
- Development of the Wall-Farrar Nature Center
- Development of master plans for Meadowmere Park and Rockledge Park

As a part of the master plan, the City identified over 550 acres of parkland in the City as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) on top of the 480+ acres of ESAs that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has identified at Lake Grapevine. The purpose of designating these areas is to provide for and protect the native species of flora and fauna habitat by minimizing improvements. These areas offer excellent wildlife viewing.

In addition, in response to citizen comments at the City Council meeting, the City Council took the proactive approach of committing to a natural resource study of Meadowmere Park, Rockledge Park and Wall-Farrar Park during each of their respective Master Planning processes. This study will identify the flora and fauna in the area so that the plan can be tailored to protect our natural resources. City staff is also making minor adjustments at Meadowmere Park which will further protect the habitat of birds and other wildlife.

2011 City Election

The official results of the Grapevine City Election held on May 14, 2011 are

City Council Place 5

Chris Coy 2461

City Council Place 6

Kathleen Thompson 1420

Deverick P. Jordan 272

Roy Stewart 1801

Proposition: CCPD

Yes 3114 No 474



In Memory of Steve Stinson

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of the Chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, Steve Stinson. Steve was a longtime community volunteer and served on the CVB Board, the Heritage Foundation Advisory Board, was past Chair of Main Street Days and was a member of Grapevine AMBUCS. Steve is survived by his wife Nikki Stinson, son Steve Stinson, mother Pat Stinson, sister Diane VanEeden and her husband, Con along with uncles and aunts, Jon and Hallie Few of Midlothian and Terrel and Dorothy Boyd of Paris; and many extended family members and friends.

Parks and Rec

ATHLETICS

Summer Youth Sport Camps:

Higher Goals Basketball Camp

Fees: \$150/camper

Ages: 7-16 years old

Time: 9 am-12 pm

Camp Location: GCISD Facilities

JULY CAMP

Registration Deadline: July 11

Camp Dates: July 11-15

AUGUST CAMP

Registration Deadline: August 8

Camp Dates: August 8-12

Integrity Basketball Camp

Registration Deadline: July 11

Camp Dates: July 11-14

Ages: 8-11 years old

Time: 1 pm-4 pm

Camp Location: Community Activities Center,
1175 Municipal Way

Fees: \$70/camper

900 VB Volleyball Camp

Registration Deadline: August 9

Camp Dates: August 9 - 12

Ages: 4th - 6th grade (9 am - 11:30 am)

Ages: 7th & 8th grade (1:30 pm - 4 pm)

Camp Location: GCISD Facilities

Fees: \$120/camper

Keep Grapevine Beautiful

Keep Grapevine Beautiful invites all Grapevine residents to attend our summer board meetings. Several newly elected members will start their terms. We invite you to meet this dynamic team and get involved. Join our efforts in the continual goal of a Greener, Cleaner Grapevine. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at City Hall, 200 South Main

Street. If you have questions, please call 817-410-3490 or visit kgvb.org.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER

English 101

This class is for both beginners and for people who want to improve their conversational skills. This class will help participants with listening, reading, writing and speaking basic English.

Ages: 21 years & up

Day/Time: Monday 5-6 pm

Class Code: 705250

Session/Fee: 06 (6 weeks) \$30

Instructor: Esthela Gonzalez

Beginner Pilates

Beginner Pilates will put you on the fast track to developing a strong core and transforming the way your body looks, feels, and performs. Attend class either Monday or Thursday evenings from 5:10-5:40 pm at a cost of \$20/month. Participants may attend both evenings of class at a cost of \$40/month. To register, visit playgrapevine.com or contact the Grapevine Community Activities Center at 817-410-3450.

Fitkids Bootcamp - NEW!

This is a fun filled workout for kids, ages 6-14 years, of all fitness levels. Class incorporates healthy eating guidance and fun exercises that encourage, teach, and motivate your child to get moving, feel great about themselves, and challenge them to make healthier choices now. See the difference that exercise and healthy eating can make in your child's life. Start them young for a



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Grapevine Fire Department Responds to Disastrous "PK Complex" Fire

When the call came out and firefighters from 34 states responded, you can be assured that the Grapevine Fire Department was there and did Grapevine proud!

In addition to our crew of brave firefighters that spent many days fighting the fires at Possum Kingdom that destroyed almost 130,000 acres and 167 homes, the Convention and Visitors Bureau pitched in by lending a bus to shuttle area firefighters

back and forth, and the Parks and Recreation Department loaned chainsaws to help battle the out-of-control blazes.

Grapevine residents and businesses responded overwhelmingly to a request for supplies. In only one day, a one-ton dually was loaded and headed to Palo Pinto County filled with water, Gatorade, sunscreen, lip balm, socks, underwear, and other necessary supplies for the weary firefighters. 🍷

Convention and Visitors Bureau

GREAT TRAIN ROBBERIES – Grapevine Vintage Railroad (GVRR), Cotton Belt Depot; July-August, Saturdays and Sundays, 1 pm. This summer, some locals will tell you, “it ain’t safe to ride the train.” Desperate desperados lurk just outside of Grapevine and put on a great show of wacky fun during the staged train robberies.

GRAPEVINE MARKET – Liberty Park; Thursdays and Saturdays through October 15th; 9 am – 2 pm. Come experience open-air, European style shopping in Historic Downtown Grapevine featuring the finest in handmade jewelry, home décor, antiques and much more.

GRAPEVINE FARMERS’ MARKET – Town Square Gazebo; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through October 15th; 8 am – 4 pm. Enjoy locally-grown and other produce as well as a variety of Texas products including, bell peppers, Texas pecans, olive oil, salsas, honey, tamales, pasta, herbs, nuts and grains.

FIRST FRIDAY FILM SERIES AT THE PALACE – Palace Theatre; “Jaws”, July 1st. “Follow That Dream”, August 5th; 7:30 pm; \$5 per person.

SUMMERBLAST FRIDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS – Lake Grapevine; July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; August 5, 12, 19 and 26; 9:30 pm. Every Friday night this summer, the evening skies overlooking Grapevine will be illuminated as Grapevine presents a fireworks spectacular. www.GrapevineTexasUSA.com/Summer.

SUMMER NIGHTS - Town Square Gazebo; July 1, 8, 15, 22 and

29; Cotton Belt Depot District, July 15; 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. You can enjoy family-fun activities, including sidewalk sales, refreshments, entertainment, shopping late, prize drawings and more! Free.

FRIDAYS AT THE FARM – Nash Farm; July 1, 15 and 29; 9 am – 12 pm; Free. Enjoy hands-on farming fun. Tractor rides \$1 per person.

FRIDAY FUN TRAINS – GVRR, Cotton Belt Depot; July 1, 15 and 29; 10 am. Enjoy a fun-filled, one-hour sample of the regular train runs. Please note: seating on these special runs is open, so air-conditioned coaches are first-come, first served.

FOURTH OF JULY “REDS, WHITES AND YOU” WINE TRAIL – July 2nd; 11 am - 5 pm. Along the wine trail, guests will taste three varieties of wines from each participating winery, enjoy food complements, and relish in the varying experiences each winery has to offer. Visit www.grapevinewinetrail.com for complete details.

GRAPEVINE OPRY – Palace Theatre, 7:30 pm. Adults, \$15; children 12 and under, \$10.

“God and Country”- July 2nd

“Legends - Making Time with Patsy Cline” - July 16th

“Country Music Showcase”- July 23rd; Aug. 13th; Aug. 27th

“Fabulous Fifties Jukebox” - July 30th

“Elvis Day”- Aug. 6th

“Tribute To George Strait”- Aug. 20th

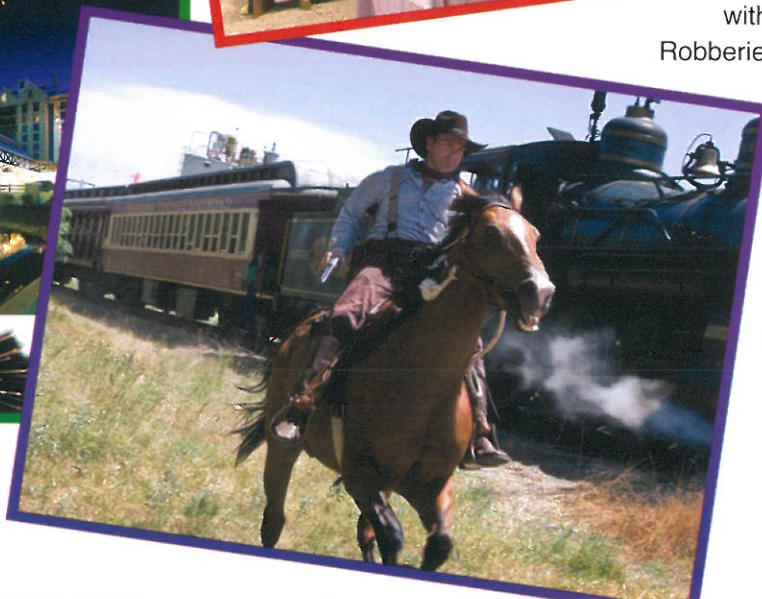
FANTASTIC 4TH ON THE GRAPEVINE VINTAGE RAILROAD!

– GVRR, Cotton Belt Depot; July 4th; 10 am or 1 pm. Choose from a full day of events on the GVRR! First, experience a 10 am Fun Run – a fun-filled, one-hour sample of the regular train runs. Or choose the 1 pm departure headed to the Fort Worth Stockyards. Riders receive a novelty American Flag

with ticket purchase. Also enjoy our Great Train Robberies on this ride! For folks looking to enjoy activities while in the Stockyards, the “Train to the Rodeo” package offers a super discount on both train and Stockyards Championship rodeo tickets and a souvenir from each! Purchase online at www.GVRR.com. Enjoy the return trip to Grapevine in perfect time to catch the 29th Annual Fireworks Extravaganza!

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Photos, clockwise from left: Summerblast; Grapevine Market; Great Train Robberies





September 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2011



GRAPEFEST™ IN HISTORIC GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

GrapeFest® is the place to enjoy wine, music, food and fun — a perfect spot for lunch, shopping and great entertainment!

FREE ADMISSION:

ALL DAY THURSDAY

AND

FROM 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. FRIDAY

**\$25 UNLIMITED
CARNIVAL RIDE PASS***

*Restrictions apply. See website for full details.

ADMISSION:

Adults	Weekend Pass
\$8	\$18
Seniors 62+ & Children 6–12	Souvenir Weekend Pass
\$5	\$23
Children 5 & Under	
FREE	

HOURS:

THURSDAY:
10 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY:
10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

SATURDAY:
10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

SUNDAY:
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Once in Grapevine, follow signs to parking areas.

North Parking Lot:

Corner of Boyd & Turner,
North of NW Highway

South Parking Lot Grapevine

Convention Center:
1209 South Main Street @ Vine



Proceeds from GrapeFest benefit restoration projects throughout Grapevine.

For updated information, entertainment schedules or to
purchase tickets, visit us at www.GrapevineTexasUSA.com/GrapeFest
or call 800-457-6338.



25th ANNUAL GRAPEFEST® VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Benefiting the Grapevine Heritage Foundation

September 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2011

Please Complete One Form Per Volunteer



Name _____	Age: _____	Date _____
Address _____	Shirt Size (S - XXXL) _____	
City, ST, Zip _____	Org./Company _____	
Day Phone _____	Other Phone _____	
Emergency Contact _____	Emergency Phone _____	
E-Mail _____	Work Partner _____	

Make Your Shift Choices!	Shift 1) 8:30am – 11:30am Shift 2) 11:15am – 2:30pm Shift 3) 2:15pm – 5:45pm Shift 4) 5:30pm – 9:00pm Shift 5) 8:15pm – 11:00pm	Shift 1) 8:30am – 11:30am Shift 2) 11:15am – 2:30pm Shift 3) 2:15pm – 5:45pm Shift 4) 5:30pm – 9:00pm Shift 5) 8:15pm – 11:45pm	Shift 1) 9:30am – 12:30pm Shift 2) 12:15pm – 3:15pm Shift 3) 3:00pm – 6:00pm
	Thursday 9/15	Friday 9/16	Saturday 9/17
Bubble desired shift for each day in the area you want			
I Can Work Anywhere!	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
★ Beer Servers (21+)		④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
Beverage Delivery (21+)	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
Champagne Terrace (21+)	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
Culinary Pavilion	① ② ③ ④	① ② ③ ④	① ② ③ ④
GrapeStomp	① 3:30pm – 6:30pm ② 6:00pm – 9:00pm	① 9:30am – 1:30pm ② 1:00pm – 5:15pm ③ 5:00pm – 9:00pm	① 9:30am – 1:30pm ② 1:00pm – 5:15pm ③ 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Hospitality	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
KidZone (13+) (Note: Shift 3 ends at 9:00pm)	① ② ③ ④	① ② ③ ④	① ② ③ ④
★ Wine Related Areas (21+)	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
★ Wine Server (21+)	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤	① ② ③ ④ ⑤
Tennis Classic Tournament (Hilton DFW Lakes)	Please call 817.410.6867 for information regarding Tennis Tournament volunteer opportunities!		

★ Must complete Alcohol Service Training and Orientation on Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 pm at the Lancaster Theatre!

★ Are you TABC Certified, if so please provide TABC Number _____.

Join an Operations Team!	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday
Festival Set-up & Take-down	<input type="radio"/> 6:00pm - 9:00pm	<input type="radio"/> 6:00pm - 11:00pm	<input type="radio"/> 8:00am – 12noon <input type="radio"/> 11:00am – 2:00pm	<input type="radio"/> 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Arts & Crafts	N/A	<input type="radio"/> 5:00pm - 10:00pm	N/A	<input type="radio"/> 4:00pm - 8:00pm
Festival Imagery / Signage	N/A	<input type="radio"/> 5:00pm - 10:00pm	<input type="radio"/> 6:00am - 10:00am	<input type="radio"/> 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Important Notes:

- Volunteers are scheduled on a first-come, first served basis
- For more information about festival opportunities, call 817.410.3532
- The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Grapevine Convention Center on Wed., Sept. 28 at 6:30pm.

Submit your application by mail to:

Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau
Attn: Frank Dale
636 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051
Or email to: FDale@GrapevineTexasUSA.com

Or fax your application to:
817.410.3552

For more information, visit www.GrapevineTexasUSA.com

29TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA – Lake Grapevine; July 4th; 9:30 pm. Find your spot and stake a claim near Lake Grapevine to watch fireworks light up the sky! The fireworks will be launched off the shores of Oak Grove Park, and the blasts can be viewed from any lakeside location.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Nash Farm; July 9th; 10 am – 12 pm; Free . Crank and make fresh ice cream.

SENIORFEST – Grapevine Convention Center; July 23rd; 5-9 pm; Admission: FREE - Must RSVP to 817-329-3612. The Women's Division of the Grapevine Chamber of Commerce gives a free dinner and evening of socializing to show our gratitude for Grapevine area Senior Citizens(reservations required). For more information: www.grapevinechamber-womensdiv.com.

HUBBA BUBBA BUBBLE TRAIN – GVRP, Cotton Belt Depot; August 13th; 1 pm. Each child will receive a free bubble-maker kit. Bubbles will flow as the train heads down the track! Bubbles available while supplies last. It's good, clean, fun for the whole family. 🍇

Simple Steps to Thwart Vehicle Burglaries and Theft

Don't let thieves ruin your summer. Be vigilant in regard to vehicle crime prevention, and reduce opportunity by implementing these simple daily practices:

- Lock your vehicle – Nearly 50% of all vehicle thefts and/or burglaries were due to the vehicle being unlocked.
- Take your keys – Nearly 20% of all vehicle thefts, the keys were left inside.
- Hide your valuables – Don't afford thieves convenient shopping.
- Park near good lighting or congested parking areas - Thieves do not like eye-witnesses.
- Never leave your car running unattended - It provides thieves an easy getaway. 🍇

Vineyards Campground Awards

The Vineyards Campground on Lake Grapevine recently received the "Medium Sized Campground of the Year" award and the "Best Website of the Year" award from the Texas Association of Campground Owners.

Senior Activities Center (SAC)

We will pick you up!

Did you know the Senior Activities Center provides transportation to and from the SAC? Monday-Friday the SAC will pick you or your loved one up at your Grapevine residence and will return you or your loved one home in the afternoon. The morning bus route begins at 8 am and the afternoon route begins at 2 pm. This service is available to Grapevine residents only. For more information, please call 817-410-8130 or visit us at 421 Church Street. A complete schedule of activities is available at playgrapevine.com.

Registration for Computer Classes

Computer class registration will take place on Monday, August 1 for the session of classes that begin the following week. Register in person from 9 am-12 pm or by telephone from 1-2 pm. A complete list of classes being offered is available at the SAC or at playgrapevine.com, one week prior to registration.

SilverSneakers®

Join the SilverSneakers® fitness class offered Mondays at 1 pm, Wednesdays at 9 am and Fridays at 11 am. Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activity for daily living skills. SilverSneakers® YogaStretch is offered Thursdays at 1 pm. YogaStretch will move your whole body through a complete series of seated and standing yoga poses.

Senior Water Aerobics

Classes continue every Tuesday and Thursday through August 19 from 9-9:45 am at Dove Pool, 1509 Hood Lane. Prior registration at the Senior Activities Center is mandatory. Donations are appreciated.

AARP Driver Safety

Wednesday, July 20 from 1-5 pm. Successful completion of the 4-hour course may help to reduce the cost of one's automobile liability insurance premium. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

Canyon Country featuring Arizona & Utah

Plan now for this Collette Vacations' trip March 22-30, 2012! Brochures detailing the trip's highlights, tours, and daily activities are available at the SAC. 🍇



Grapevine Library

Summer Reading Programs will continue through August 21st. There are clubs for listeners, readers, young adults, and adults, so everyone can participate and win prizes for reading.

For Everyone

July 12	2 pm	TCC's Northeast Playhouse presents the musical play "Digging Up Books"
July 14	7 pm	Make & Take Crafts
July 25	2 pm	Ronald McDonald Library Visit
Aug 6	10 am	Parachute & Boomwhacker Games
Aug 20	2 pm	Prehistoric Party featuring <i>Caveman: A B.C. Story</i>

For Elementary School Ages

"Dig up a Good Book!" Please remember that to attend these events children must be ages 5 and up, someone must show a current Grapevine library card, and children must be able to attend without an adult. Library staff will scan cards and supervise the group during the program. SRC programs are on Wednesdays at 2 pm.



July 6	2 pm	Greece Alive: Stories & Music with Dorayne Breedlove
July 13	2 pm	Science Safari
July 20	2 pm	Tharpo the Clown's Pirate Show
July 27	2 pm	Jan Alexander, Story Weaver
Aug 3	2 pm	Zooniversity
Aug 10	2 pm	Hidden Treasures Magic Show
Aug 17	2 pm	Goldirocks and the Three Dinosaurs Puppet Show

For Middle and High School Ages

"Going Global, Staying Connected!" Programs will be held on Thursdays at 2 pm for middle and high schoolers.

July 7	2 pm	Sand Art
July 14	2 pm	Science Safari: It's Electric
July 21	2 pm	Wii: Band Hero
July 28	2 pm	Art Afternoon
Aug 4	2 pm	Zooniversity
Aug 11	2 pm	James Wand's Magic Class
Aug 18	2 pm	Sock Puppet Workshop

More Special Events

Steve Vander Ark's World of Harry Potter

Renowned Harry Potter expert Steve Vander Ark returns for an encore presentation of his Magic of Harry Potter program covering the language and mythology of

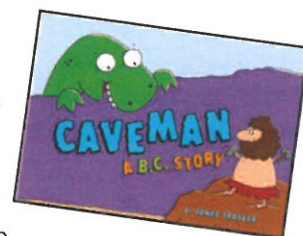
the books, followed by a new presentation on Herbology, covering the plants and trees featured in the spells and wands of the books. Both programs will be presented on Saturday, July 16th. The first program will be from 10:30 am to 12 pm, followed by a one-hour lunch break. The second program will be from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to meet one of the world's foremost experts on the Harry Potter phenomenon. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for making this special event possible.

Story Workshop and Author Visit with Jason Henderson

Jason Henderson will be visiting the library for a story workshop and author visit in conjunction with the release of his new book in the Alex Van Helsing series. *Voice of the Undead* is the sequel to *Vampire Rising* which is currently honored with a place on the Texas Library Association's Lone Star List. This program will take place on Saturday, July 30th at 2 pm.

Prehistoric Party featuring Caveman: A B.C. Story

Join us for games, crafts, food, and fun at our final event of the summer on Saturday, August 20th at 2 pm. Author Janee Trasler will be present to autograph her newest book *Caveman: A B.C. Story* and to join in the fun and games.



For Adults

"Reading Makes Cents!" Sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program and enter our drawing. There will be numerous prizes each week, and every book you read

earns another ticket in the drawing. Our upcoming programs are:

Organic Materials through the Ages

Joan Miller, published author and presenter, will be covering the history of fabric making. She has had years of experience going into the deep, dark depths of caves and finding pieces of shoes and clothing thousands of years old. She will include pictures from her caving experiences, as well as replicas of shoes she has made from twine. Join us on Thursday, July 14th at 7 pm for a delightful and educational program.

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GREENER Cleaner Grapevine



Draining Your Pool? Here are some things you need to know...

If it is time for you to refill your pool with fresh water, the City would like to remind residents that pools should be drained to the sanitary sewer system rather than the street, where it enters the storm drain system.

Pool water discharged to the storm drain system may contain chlorine, have a low pH due to its acid content, or high levels of algae if the pool has not been maintained. All of these situations can be detrimental to the creeks, ponds, and lakes where the storm drain system discharges.

Most residential pools in the City are plumbed to the sanitary sewer, generally through the filter backwash

systems. This allows the pool pump system to drain the pool to the sanitary sewer. A garden hose may also be used to siphon water from the pool into the residence's sanitary sewer cleanout. Additionally, pool backwash systems should not be rinsed to the streets. Backwash materials should be collected, dried and placed in the trash for disposal.

If you have any questions regarding pool draining, please call the City's Environmental Services Division at 817-410-3330. 🍇

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How to Save with Coupons

Do you want to know how to save money by using coupons? On Tuesday, August 9th at 10:30 am Amanda Butler will be demonstrating a variety of ways to save money using coupons. Bring your coupons, and your questions, and she will be able to show you the best way to save money.

Creative Ways to Reuse Household Items

On Thursday, August 11th at 7 pm, Jessica Strange will be showing different ways to use household items. Items that you throw away everyday can be reused, and possibly repackaged, for a completely different function. Come and learn a few things about reusing materials, and make a craft to take home.

More programs are being added. Check our website www.grapevine.lib.tx.us for confirmed dates/times and additional events. 🍇

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healthy future! Class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-10:45 am. Participants may attend class three days per week for \$95 or two days per week for \$85. To register, visit playgrapevine.com or contact the Grapevine Community Activities Center at 817-410-3450.

Junior Jazzercise Camp

Junior Jazzercise Camp features hip-hop, cheerleading, fitness testing, obstacle course, talent show, arts & crafts and more. This camp is an exciting way for girls, ages 7-11 years to end their summer and enjoy a program that shows them exercise can be achieved in a variety of ways and can be fun while doing it. Camp meets the week of August 15-19 at a cost of \$110. For more information, please contact Missy Hill, with Jazzercise, at 817-269-6477. To register, visit playgrapevine.com or contact the Grapevine Community Activities Center at 817-410-3450.

Fashion Designing Camp

Learn the elements of fashion design. Projects includes bottle cap necklaces, beaded scarf, tie dye shirt, flower hair pins, jewelry box and more. This camp will

focus mainly on design elements such as color schemes, fashion illustration and jewelry making.

Ages: 6-12 years

Date/Time: Aug. 1-5 (1:30-4 pm)

Fee: \$125 (includes supplies)

Modeling Boot Camp 2

Modeling Boot Camp 2 will focus on wardrobe, makeup, hair and interviewing techniques. Participants will also do a self-manicure, makeup and photo session.

Ages: 8-16 years

Dates/Time: July 25-29 (1:00-4:00 pm)

Fee: \$120

Film-Making Camp

This camp teaches participants digital video filming, digital editing and digital production techniques. It is designed to generate an interest in critical observation and communication by engaging in film making projects. The campers will be provided with supporting materials such as cameras, lighting and computer equipment.

Ages: 9-15 years

Date/Time: July 25-29 (9 am-12 pm)

Aug. 8-12 (1-4 pm)

Fee: \$145

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Citizen's Police Academy Accepting Applications

The Grapevine Police Department is accepting applications for the 25th Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) class scheduled to begin at the end of August or beginning of September 2011. Each class is at 6:30 pm on Thursdays.

The Grapevine CPA is held twice a year in spring and in the fall. The Academy is open to any resident or employee of the City of Grapevine, and their families, free of charge.

During the fourteen-week Academy, students have the unique opportunity to see and interact with Police Department personnel. Topics covered include Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations, Crime Scene Investigations, Firearms Training, K9 Operations, Use of Force Issues, plus procedures of the Jail, Court System and Telecommunications, and the Community Relations Programs.

The goal of this Academy is to strengthen communications between the Police Department and the community. To

provide a safe environment, citizens and police must jointly address issues and solutions.

Please visit the City of Grapevine website at grapevinetexas.gov or if you have any questions please contact Sgt. Dale Roath at 817-410-3206 for more information. 🍷

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Chess Wizards Camp

Campers will learn the strategies of chess in this camp. Each camper will receive a chess board, trophy, Chess Wizard t-shirt and folder containing all of the puzzles they completed during camp.

Ages: 5-13 years

Date/Time: Aug. 15-19 (9 am-12 pm)

Fee: \$140 🍷



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